

THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

The Lords Spiritual and Temporal,
in Parliament assembled,

PRESENTED TO

HIS MAJESTY,

On Thursday, May 20, 1784.

WITH

HIS MAJESTY'S

MOST GRACIOUS

ANSWER.

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Die Jovis, 20^o Maii, 1784.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House, presented to His Majesty this Day, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

Ashley Cowper,

Cler' Parliamentor'.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Right
Honourable the Lords Spiritual and
Temporal, in Parliament assembled.

Die Mercurii, 19^o Maii, 1784.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most Gracious Speech from the Throne.

DEEPLY sensible of the Blessings we enjoy under Your Majesty's Government, we desire to express our Satisfaction and Gratitude, that in the Exercise of the Powers vested in You by the Constitution, Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to recur to the Sense of Your People at a Conjunction when the Situation of publick Affairs called loudly for that Exertion.

ANIMATED with the truest Sentiments of Loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Government, of Attachment to our excellent Constitution, and of Regard for the Publick Welfare, Your Majesty may safely rely, that we will enter upon the important Objects of Publick Business, which call for our Attention, with Temper and Assiduity, and that we will prosecute them with all the Dispatch of which their Nature will admit.

IN Pursuit of those Objects which Your Majesty has been pleased to recommend to our Consideration, we beg Leave to assure Your Majesty that we will apply ourselves with Industry to the stopping the alarming Progress of Frauds in the Revenue; and that we shall be ready to co-operate with the other Branches of the Legislature, in framing such further Commercial Regulations as the present Circumstances may require.

CONVINCED, as we are, how materially the Situation of the Affairs of the *East India* Company is connected with the general Interests of the Country, and that it forms a most important Subject of Deliberation, Your Majesty may depend, that in applying our utmost Attention to provide for the good Government of our Possessions in *India*, we shall well and anxiously weigh the Effect which the Measures we may adopt may have upon the invaluable Constitution of *Great Britain*.

WE beg Leave humbly to assure Your Majesty, that we have the fullest Conviction of Your Majesty's paternal Care and Affection for Your People, and that the Prosperity of Your Subjects is the First Object of Your Royal Attention; which could not be more fully manifested than in the Resolution Your Majesty has taken to support and maintain, in their just Balance, the Rights and Privileges of every Branch of the Legislature.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

MY LORDS,

I Thank you for this very loyal and dutiful Address. I receive with great Satisfaction every fresh Mark of your Attachment to Me, and your Zeal for the Publick Interests, and for the Preservation of Our most excellent Constitution.*

